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1. Sulina. [] vessel was boarded in the approach to Sulina by a pilot who guided the vessel to Sulina harbor. An inspection party of about ten people conducted an inspection and search of the vessel. The papers of the crew and officers were examined. Close attention was paid to the photograph of the individual to see that it resembles the physiognomy of the individual. Four copies of the manifest of fuel and provisions of the vessel were turned over to the Control Commission, and all cigarettes and money were declared and placed under seal. The ship's wireless was sealed; however, permission was granted for them to play the radio. No one was permitted shore leave and one guard was left on the ship. [] four radio antennas in Sulina; three of these had straight metal antennas and one was constructed of latticed steel. The vessel departed Sulina the following morning. A small naval vessel with machine guns fore and aft followed the vessel as far as Tulcea. The Danube River had overflowed its banks at many places between Sulina and Tulcea causing the width of the river to be from 500 to 600 meters wide. 25X1
2. Tulcea. Barge building and repair yards were observed in Tulcea. 25X1
3. Reni. Four small naval vessels, approximately 125 feet in length, were observed at Reni. [] Barges were also under construction in Reni. 25X1
4. Galati. [] vessel was followed from Reni to Galati by the same type of craft that followed it from Sulina to Tulcea. Four naval patrol vessels were at anchor at Galati. These vessels had guns mounted fore and aft and six guns around the bridge of the vessels. Twelve vessels of the MTB variety were berthed at Galati. Each of these vessels was equipped with apparatus to carry torpedos on each side of the vessel and depth charge racks. They were armed with two guns fore and aft. Three tug boats and one merchant ship were under construction at the Galati shipyard. 25X1

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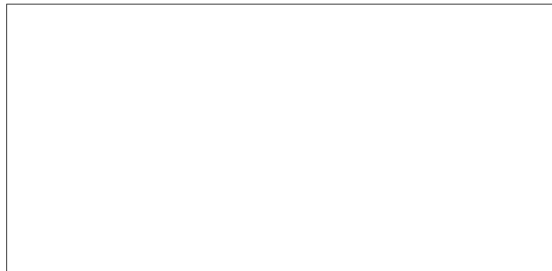
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5. Braila

- a. Port Facilities. Two portable electric cranes, each with a capacity of approximately three tons, are available for cargo handling. Stevedore gangs, coupled with the electric cranes, can load 10,000 tons of cement in 24 hours. Two silos mounted on barges are utilized to unload grain. The contents of these two silos are in turn transferred to a silo on the shore. A slipway for small craft and a boat landing station are located in the western part of the dock area.
- b. Storage Facilities. Four oil storage tanks, each with a capacity of about 1,500 tons, are situated within a barbed wire enclosure about 100 meters from the harbor. Oil is brought to the tanks by rail. About 5,000 tons of cement were in storage at the Braila dock.
- c. Naval Facilities. Naval facilities are located in the southern area of the Braila dock. Six PT-type boats, bearing numbers 557 through 562 were berthed there. These vessels were equipped with torpedo tubes on their port and starboard sides and one gun, caliber unknown, fore and aft. Ten motorboats, were also berthed at the south end of the dock. These vessels were armed with heavy machine guns fore and aft. Groups of sailors from Braila underwent training on these vessels from 0800 to 1700 hours.



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